



Look, rising tuition — The Killam Library held an opening ceremony on November 12 to celebrate the completion of the roof in the library's atrium. Dalhousie theatre students provided the evening's entertainment. Left to right are: Bill Birdsall, University Librarian; Dr. Tom Traves, University President; Hon. John MacEachern, Minister of Community Services; and Bill Lord, Director of Physical Plant and Planning

Ghiz left his mark at Dalhousie

BY GINA STACK

Flags flew at half mast on campus last week to mark the death of former Dean of Law Joe Ghiz.

Ghiz, who also served as Prince Edward Island's premier, passed away November 9th at age 51.

Dalhousie's Associate Dean of Law, John Yogis, worked personally with Ghiz while he was at Dalhousie.

"He made a tremendous contribution to the Law School," Yogis said.

Ghiz served as Dalhousie's dean from 1993 to 1995.

"Coming from his particular background, he obviously was a person of great stature on the Canadian political scene," said Yogis. "From the position of the Law School, he was the right person at the right time."

Yogis said that Ghiz's personality is what stands out in his memory.

"The things I remember most are of a personal nature because he was so much a person of the people. He took a great interest in his job and was always available to chat with students and staff."

Ghiz took an interest in more than just the administrative side of his job. He also taught a class in Criminal Law.

"His law students have all commented on what a great experience it was," said Yogis.

A graduate of the Law School, Ghiz did a lot for the reputation of the institution. He travelled the country to speak with alumni about the need to support the school.

"In the brief period he was here with us," said Yogis. "I re-

gard his efforts as largely successful."

Yogis said that Ghiz is missed in the department.

"All those who worked with him on the second floor missed him when he left. I was in contact with him daily; he loved to have a chat."

Ghiz serves as a model for today's students. Born on Prince Edward Island during the last months of the Second World War, he was the son of a Lebanese immigrant.

Despite modest beginnings, Ghiz, one of five children, put

himself through law school, finishing at the top of his class. He went on to obtain a masters degree from the Harvard Law School. Ghiz was most recently appointed to the bench in PEI.

Ghiz will be best remembered as a fervent nationalist. Speaking in favour of Meech Lake and later the Charlottetown Accord, he gave his province a voice as loud as Quebec and Ontario.

"It was a great loss," Yogis said.

"The court could have benefitted from his great experience. He will be long remembered."

Not-so-free internet access

BY DINA GUIRGUIS

Always look at the fine print. America Online (AOL) Canada, a national online service, has been offering students generous amounts of free internet hours. However, a number of students have been left with hefty bills after cruising the network.

Many Dalhousie students received AOL Canada Version 3.0 software in the mail. The package promises a "Free 15 hours of unlimited usage" of AOL Canada. Users must have a major credit card and upon registration enter their credit card number in order to access their "free" trial.

Even though the hours are free, the catch is that the "unlimited usage" must occur within 30 days of the user's initial sign on.

Once registered in AOL Canada's system, users are automatically considered a member. It is

Other students have suffered worse consequences, racking up bills as high as \$200.

up the individual to cancel the membership when he or she has used up the 15 hours or when 30 days have passed. If the membership is not cancelled, the user will be immediately charged the first monthly fee.

One Dalhousie student, who wishes to remain anonymous, said that she fell pray to this mistake. After carefully monitoring her time (making sure not to exceed the 15 hour limit) she accidentally cancelled her membership a day late.

When she received her next

Hancock hell

Social Work students angry over proposed Arts building

BY NEAL GRAHAM

While Dalhousie administration pursues a plan to spend \$12 to \$15 million on a new Arts building, students with environmental illnesses at the Maritime School of Social Work are unable to attend class in decaying houses.

Hancock Hall, which was constructed near the end of the Second World War, is a point of frustration for Social Work students.

"If you walk in the building, there's no disputing it," commented Heidi Newell, a Social Work student.

"We're in army barracks!"

Dr. William Louch, Dalhousie's Director of Environmental Health and Safety, argues that there is "regular monitoring [of air qual-

ity] across campus; spring and fall."

He said that air quality within the Social Work buildings are well within standards.

Dalhousie began a program of air monitoring a number of years ago. Since that time, special attention has been given to the Maritime School of Social Work (MSSW) buildings.

One example has been the removing of portables from Hancock Hall.

"A number of students were made unwell by [the portables]," Louch said.

As a result, the portables were removed to address the students' and Louch's health concerns.

Although Dalhousie attempts to address environment-related health concerns,

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Council Chair resigns over conflict of interest

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The chair of the Dalhousie Student Union has switched jobs.

Former chair Andy Doyle resigned during the November 6 council meeting and that same night was elected by council to the position of fall orientation chair.

Doyle was cautioned by some

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) council members at previous meetings that accepting the position of orientation chair, while still holding a position on council, is a violation of the DSU's by-laws.

Other councillors argued that Doyle faced a potential conflict of interest because the council that he was still a member of would be hiring the fall orientation chair.

As a result of protests from council members, the issue was referred to the DSU's judicial board.

Doyle decided to resign before the judicial board could report to council.

"It is my personal feeling that this [conflict of interest] is not a problem in this case, as the term of employment would not officially begin until May, long after I have completed my duties as chair," Doyle wrote in a letter addressed to the DSU council.

"It is in no way my wish to bring about scandal, or to call the integrity of this council into question."

Though Doyle felt that holding two DSU appointments simultaneously was not a conflict, he acknowledged the Union constitution was ambiguous in parts.

"It is my feeling that even if this does not specifically violate the bylaw in question, there exists a violation of the spirit of the bylaw

Jessica Berry was elected the new chair by council on Nov. 17.